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yet the court refused to review the child support, and this went on for years. And you're standing here and telling me the court's never made a mistake...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: No.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...and I don't believe that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I think courts make a mistake and it's our responsibility here in the Legislature to do what we can to correct those mistakes, should we be...have the power...have the ability to do that. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Beutler, you are next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, perhaps there is some sort of middle ground on this that I would like to suggest. I think probably all of us, in thinking about this subject, would recognize that somebody outside of this Legislature, in an area like this that has a thousand different situations, a commission needs to be thinking about all of these nuances in the rules. We really can't do that very well on the legislative floor. And so that's the general approach that we've taken, like we do in so many other things. But it's also been the general approach of this Legislature, from time to time, when a department or a commission simply ignores a situation that we think should not be ignored, to lay down a rule in statute that tells them what to do. We've done that numerous times, as we all know. That's not particularly a good practice unless we know for sure what we're doing and unless the agency or commission has been...has had the problem clearly identified to them and clearly refused to do something different. So, what I would suggest, if people were interested, is that the bill be amended to specifically say to the court, you shall look at this question; here's the question. Lay out the lang...continue to have in the bill the language that Senator Baker has there and ask the court to specifically